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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAKAR 4998 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
SEOUL GENEVA USUN NEW YORK 07 SEPTEMBER 1974. QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 4998

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SUBJ: CONSULTATION WITH SENEGALESE ON KEY ISSUES

AT 29TH UNGA

REF: STATE 184584

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS DISCUSSED ISSUES OF  
PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, KOREA, MIDDLE EAST, LDC STEAM-  
ROLLER TACTICS, AND CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUITES  
WITH OFFICIALS OF SENEGALESE FONMINISTRY. MOST IMPORTANT  
REVELATION AT MEETING WAS DEPTH OF SENEGALESE COMMITMENT  
TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND POL OFFICER MET WITH  
DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS-NOW ALSO DIRECTEUR DU  
CABINET- OF FONMINISTRY, YOUSSEPH SYLLA AND SAMBA MBODJ,  
CHIEF OF THE UN DIV. ON SEPT 4, TO DISCUSS  
SEVERAL KEY ISSUES WHICH WE EXPECT ARISE AT 29TH UNGA.

2. ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, TWO SIDES AGREED THAT  
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THEY HAD SIMILAR POLICY OF GIVING PORTUGAL TIME TO

BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL TRANSITION ITS COLONIES TO INDEPENDENCE. SYLLA SAID GOOD FAITH OF PORTUGUESE UNQUESTIONABLE ("INDISCUTABLE"). WITH REGARD TO CAPE VERDES ISLANDS HE OPINED THAT CAPE VERDIANS MUST DETERMINE THEMSELVES THEIR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH GUINEA-BISSAU. HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT HE EXPECTED SOME LINK BETWEEN TWO POLITICAL ENTITIES.

3. ON KOREAN ISSUE, AMBASSADOR AGGREY SUGGESTED, PER REFTEL, VALUE OF POSTPONING DEBATE AT UN. SYLLA REITERATED VIEW REPORTED DAKAR 4873 THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD WELCOME POSTPONEMENT BUT LEFT OPEN HOW SENEGAL MIGHT VOTE ON THAT QUESTION. HE ACCEPTED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL, NO UNGA, WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY ON WHETHER UN COMMAND RETAINED IN KOREA AND THAT KOREA HAD SOVEREIGN RIGHT REQUEST FOREIGN TROOPS BE STATIONED ON ITS TERRITORY. HE NOTED THAT WHEN UN FORCES HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER IN 1967 IT PROVED BE PRELUDE TO WAR. SYLLA FELT THAT NORTH KOREA COULD NOT BE PERSUADED JOIN UN SEPARATELY FROM SOUTH KOREA BUT THAT SOUTH KOREA COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT FEDERATION ON NORTH KOREAN TERMS. SYLLA ALSO REMARKED, PROBABLY ALLUDING TO SENGHOR'S VISIT TO NORTH KOREA EARLIER THIS YEAR, THAT SENEGAL "THEORETICALLY" FAVORS NORTH KOREA.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, SYLLA NOTED AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT NEGOTIATING PROCESS MIGHT BE JEOPARDIZED BY POLEMICAL DEBATES IN UN. WITHOUT DISPUTING THAT VIEW, HE PROCEEDED EXPOUND ON PLIGHT OF PALESTINIANS AND EXPRESS OPINION THAT SOLUTION PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WAS NOT ONLY KEY TO SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT BUT MOST PRESSING NEED FROM HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW. ON BASIS HIS CONTACTS WITH PLO, HE SEEMED THINK THAT IN "FIRST PHASE" PALESTINIANS WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH STATE COMPRISING GAZA AND WEST BANK JORDAN RIVER, SYLLA ALSO SAID RESOLUTION 242 UNJUSTLY REFERRED TO PALESTINIANS AS REFUGEES AND POINTED OUT THAT ORIGINAL 1947 RES. ON MIDDLE EAST HAD ENVISAGED TWO STATES IN PALESTINE.

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5. ON LDC STEAMROLLER TACTICS, AMBASSADOR STRESSED POINT THAT US IN ANXIOUS TO BE CONSULTED AT ALL STAGES OF UNGA. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SPIRIT OF CONSULTATION WOULD CHARACTERIZE NEGOTIATIONS IN STORE ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. SYLLA SEEMED BE PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO PRINCIPLE CONSULTATIONS AND SAID SENEGALESE WOULD BE GLAD CONSULT WITH US. HE SAID HE BELIEVED PERIOD LDC-DC CONFRONTATION WAS PASSING AND PERIOD INTERDEPENDENCE

BEGINNING. HE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD US EARLIER; THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AT ECOSOC MEETING IN GENEVA THIS SUMMER. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE REPEATEDLY CAME BACK TO NEED CARRY OUT PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND TO NECESSITY FOR FDC WITHDRAW RESERVATIONS THEY WERE CONTINUALLY MAKING WITH REGARD THAT PROGRAM. HE SAID FAILURE OF DCS LIVE UP TO GOALS SET FOR SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, IN PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE TARGET OF ONE PERCENT GNP, HAD PROVED NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WAS REQUIRED. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT THAT EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REQUIRED COMPROMISES BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS PRECISELY ON THOSE ISSUES WITH WHICH DCS HAS RESERVED THEIR POSITION WHEN ACQUIESCING IN CONSENSUS ON ACTION PROGRAM SYLLA REPLIED THAT IT WAS POSITION HIS GOVT THAT AMICABLE SOLUTION THESE ISSUES POSSIBLE THROUGH CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATIONS.

6. ON RELATED ISSUE SYLLA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MARRY FRENCH AND AMERICAN RESOLUTIONS ON RAW MATERIALS WHICH WERE PRESENTED AT SUMMER ECOSOC IN GENEVA. SYLLA SAID COMBINED RESOLUTION SHOULD DO MORE THAN STUDY SUPPLY SITUATION. IT SHOULD TREAT QUESTION OF STABLE AND RENUMERATIVE PRICES FOR LDC EXPORTS AND RELATION PRICES LDC EXPORTS TO PRICES MANUFACTURES IMPORTED BY LDCS.

7. IN COURSE DISCUSSION ON LDC STEAMROLLER TACTICS IN UNGA, SYLLA ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF PERMANANT REPRESENTATION OF AFRICA ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SAID SITUATION IN WORLD HAD CHANGED GREATLY SINCE FOUNDATION OF UN. FRANCE AND GREAT BRITIAN HAD LOST THEIR COLONIES. AFRICAN STATES AND MANY OTHER LDCS HAD BECOME CONFIDENTIAL

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INDEPENDENT. LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE WAS THAT AFRICA SHOULD HAVE PERMANENT SEAT ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE THOUGHT SEAT MIGHT ROTATE BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES WITH INCUMBENT BEING SELECTED BY OAU FOR EACH TURN. SEAT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO NON-PERMANENT SEAT NOW HABITUALLY OCCUPIED BY AFRICAN STATE ON SECURITY COUNCIL BY GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF GOS INTENDED MAKE PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT AT 29TH UNGA. SYLLA REPLIED SENEGAL WOULD BRING MATTER UP IF JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR CHARTER REVISION CAME TO FLOOR.

8. SYLLA SAID THAT TOPICS WHICH SENEGAL WISHED DISCUSS WERE SAHEL DROUGHT, LAW OF SEA, WORLD DEMOGRAPHIC AND FOOD PROBLEMS, AND RAW MATERIALS. AMBASSADOR SAID WE WOULD BE GLAD GIVE OUR VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS AT NEXT

MEETING-DATE OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. WE PLAN  
LET SYLLA TAKE LEAD ON DISCUSSING SAHEL IN UN CONTEXT.  
WE WILL ALSO CONFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR UN AID TO SAHEL. BE  
PREPARED DISCUSS CURRENT AND PROJECTED US SAHEL RELIEF  
AID, AND REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS CONSIDER SPECIFIC  
PROJECT PROPOSALS INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO OMVS. ON LOS  
WE INTEND TO REVIEW US POSITIONS ON FISHING, DEEP  
SEABED MINING, ECONOMIC ZONE, AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
AND COMPARE THEM WITH SENEGALESE VIEWS WHICH WE HOPE TO ELICIT  
FROM NEWLY RETURNED LOS DEL. ON FOOD AND POPULATIONS  
WE INTEND SET FORTH US ROLE PER PARA 24 REFTEL  
AND REPORTS IN WIRELESS FILE ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUEST PROVIDE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR USE IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS  
WITH GOS:

A. WHAT IS DEPT'S POSITION ON EXPANSION OF  
SECURITY COUNCIL? ON ADDITION OF PERMANENT AFRICAN SEAT  
TO COUNCIL?

B. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER ELABORATION ON  
SUBSTANCE OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED  
TO ECOSOC, PER PARA 29 REFTEL, PARTICULARLY US POSITION  
ON OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF FRENCH RESOLUTION. DOES  
US ACCEPT LDC CONTENTIONS WITH REGARD DETERIORATING TERMS OF  
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TRADE? IF NOT, HOW DO WE REFUTE THEIR CONTENTIONS? WHAT  
ALTERNATIVES TO LINKAGE BETWEEN RAW MATERIALS AND COST OF  
MANUFACTURES IMPORTED BY LDCA DOES US PROPOSE  
TO ALLEVIATE TRADE PROBLEMS OF LDCA.

C. DOES DEPT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON POSITIONS  
TAKEN BY SENEGALESE DEL AT LOS CONFERENCE OR ANY  
SPECIFIC POINTS IT WISHES US TO MAKE TO GOS WITH REGARD  
LOS?

D. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED,  
EMBASSY ALSO PLANS TO RAISE WITH SENEGALESE QUESTIONS  
OF STRENGTHENING UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE. WHAT HAS  
UNDRO ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR? HAS IT HAD ANY ROLE WITH  
REGARD TO SAHEL DEROUGH PROBLEMS? HOW DOES IT RELATE  
TO OFFICE SAHEL RECOVERY OPERATION (OSRO) WHICH WAS SET UP  
AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFO ON SAHEL REFLIEF? HOW MIGHT  
UNDRO RELATE TO SAHEL DISASTER IN FUTURE: DO  
WE EXPECT THAT EVENTUALLY IT WOULD COORDINATE DISASTER  
RELIEF RESPONSE BY UN ORGANIZATIONS ONLY OR WOULD IT HAVE  
COORDINATION ROLE INCLUDING OTHER MAJOR DONORS AS WELL?

E. RECOGNIZE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR DEPT PROVIDE  
THROUGH CABLED RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS BUT  
HOPE THAT ANY TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE COULD BE  
SUPPLEMENTED WITH POUCHED MATERIALS. DAVIS

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